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1. IN CONVERSTATION WITH AMBASSADOR, UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS MANSOURI AFFIRMED THAT ALL SAUDI EMBASSIES HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED THAT VISA APPLICANTS NO LONGER NEEDED TO PRESENT DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF THEIR RELIGION. SOME EMBASSIES HAVE AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE THEIR OWN JUDGEMENT IN THE MATTER. SAUDI OFFICES IN THE U.S. HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO STOP REQUIRING RELIGIOUS CERTIFICATION FROM VISA APPLICANTS. AMBASSADOR PROMISED TO INFORM MFA IF WE HEARD OF THE REQUIREMENT BEING REINSTITUTED.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONING, MANSOURI STATED THAT ALTHOUGH VISA APPLICATIONS WOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE A SPACE FOR INDICATING RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION, THOSE APPLYING IN U.S. SHOULD SIMPLY LEAVE THE SPACE BLANK.

3. COMMENT: MANSUOUR IMPLIED THAT AMCITS APPLYING IN U.S. WOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE IF THEY DID NOT STATE THEIR RELIGION. DIFFICULTIES MIGHT ARISE IF THEY APPLIED ABROAD.
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